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SUBJECT: PRESS SAYS U.S. ASKS NATO TO ESTABLISH
SOUTH AFRICA INSTALLATION

MAY 23 AFTERNOON SOUTH AFRICAN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS HAS
GIVEN FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO STORY FROM BRUSSELS REPORTING
"VIOLENT" OPPOSITION OF DUTCH DEFENSE MINISTER VREDELING TO
PLAN TO ESTABLISH MAJOR MONITORING INSTALLATION IN SOUTH
AFRICA FOR NATO INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES. ARTICLES IN ARGUS
(CAPE TOWN) AND STAR (JOHANNESBURG) STATE THAT DIPLOMATIC
AND NATO SOURCES AS WELL AS VREDELING REFUSED TO NAME COUNTRY
WHICH HAD PROPOSED PLAN. ARTICLES NEVERTHELESS REPORT THAT
"APPARENTLY" SUGGESTION HAD BEEN MADE BY U.S. DEFENSE SECY
SCHLESINGER AND SUPPORTED BY BRITAIN AND FRANCE. PRESS
REPORTS CONCLUDE THAT "IF, AS IS BEING ASSUMED, PROPOSAL
CAME FROM AMERICA, IT IS LIKELY THAT LENGTHY TALKS AND
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THE FEASIBILITY OF THE INSTALLATION HAVE

ALREADY TAKENTPLACE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER (MR. B.J.
VORSTER) AND THE DEFENSE MINISTER (MR. P.W. BOTHA)."
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